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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH FOR THE EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SUMMARY: ADB PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED $80,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT AS PART OF $90,000 UNDERTAKING TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION AND STRENGTHENING OF BANGLADESH EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT BUREAU (BEEDB). END SUMMARY.

1. ADB PRESIDENT ON 13 OCTOBER APPROVED $80,000 TA GRANT TO GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH (GOB). PROCEEDS WILL FINANCE FOREX COST OF REMUNERATION, PER DIEM, INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENCIES. PURPOSE OF TA IS TO FORMULATE A PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING, STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF BEEDB. PROJECT WOULD
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IMPROVE QUALITY OF VOCATIONAL AND SCIENCE EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH, BY HELPING MAKE AVAILABLE MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT TO SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY.

2. MOST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BANGLADESH ARE LACKING IN EQUIPMENT FOR TEACHING SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL

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SUBJECTS. CONSEQUENTLY, PRACTICAL TRAINING AND
LABORATORY WORKS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN
THE COUNTRY GENERALLY HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE AND PRODUCTS
HAVE TENDED TO REQUIRE FURTHER APPRENTICESHIP.
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT WERE LOST OR DESTROYED
IN 1971. IN ADDITION, MUCH EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN
BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY THROUGH BILATERAL AID ARRANGE-
MENTS, ARE IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR, DUE TO ABSENCE OF
SPARES AND REPAIR FACILITIES.

3. IN NOVEMBER 1976, A BANK EDUCATION PROJECT RECON-
NAISSANCE MISSION, WHILE EXAMINING VOCATION AND
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SECTOR IN GENERAL, IDENTIFIED
A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR
FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE BY BANK. SUBSEQUENTLY, DURING
VISIT OF BANK'S PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MISSION TO
BANGLADESH IN MARCH 1977, GOVERNMENT REQUESTED THAT
THE BANK CONSIDER ASSISTANCE FOR TWO PROJECTS, ONE OF
THEM BEING EXPANSION AND RESTRUCTURING OF BEEDB. A
BANK FACT-FINDING MISSION VISITED BANGLADESH FROM MAY 24
TO JUNE 14, 1977, AND FOUND THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS
INTO TECHNICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC
ASPECTS OF PROJECT ARE NECESSARY TO ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY
OF PROJECT. IN PARTICULAR, DEMAND FOR VARIOUS TYPES
OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TEACHING AIDS IN BANGLADESH
HAS TO BE STUDIED. IN ADDITION, MOST APPROPRIATE
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TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES TO BE USED FOR PRODUCTION OF
EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT IN BANGLADESH ALSO NEED TO
BE DETERMINED AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRACTICAL,
ECONOMIC, AND EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. BANK
DECIDED THAT TA IS REQUIRED TO PREPARE VIABLE PROJECT
SUITABLE FOR POSSIBLE BANK FINANCING.

4. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED $5.6 MILLION PROJECT TO BE
FORMULATED UNDER PROPOSED TA IS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN
BEEDB'S INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE SO THAT BEEDB CAN
EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:
(1) DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT;
(2) OPERATION OF A CENTRALIZED NATIONWIDE PROCUREMENT AND
INVENTORY SYSTEM FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES;
(3) DISTRIBUTION, INSTALLATION, SERVICING AND REPAIR
OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT; AND (4) TRAINING OF PERSONNEL
FOR SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

5. BEEDB'S EXPANSION PROGRAM UNDER PROPOSED PROJECT
INVOLVES ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKSHOP COMPRISING A
PATTERN-MAKING AND WOOD-WORKING SHOP, FOUNDRY AND FORGING

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SHOP, CHEMICAL SHOP, AUDIO-VISUAL AND MODEL MAKING SHOP,
ASSEMBLY, QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTION AND PACKAGING SHOP, AND
MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES SHOP. WORKSHOPS WILL BE
ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED TO ENABLE BEEDB TO MANUFACTURE A
WIDE RANGE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND TEACHING AIDS
USING BOTH LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS,
AND WILL ALSO ENABLE BEEDB TO UNDERTAKE SERVICING AND
REPAIR OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES PRO-
VISION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES WHICH WOULD BE
NEEDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

6. OBJECTIVE OF TA IS TO PREPARE IN DETAIL A PROJECT
PROPOSAL FOR EXLVNSION AND STRENGTHENING OF BEEDB.
PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BE PREPARED UNDER PROPOSED TA WILL
CONSIDER FOLLOWING: (Q) PROJECTED DEMAND FOR VARIOUS
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TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TEACHING AIDS
BY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN BANGLADESH; (2) IDENTIFICATION
OF TYPES OF EDUCATION EQUIPMENT AND TEACHING AIDS WHICH
COULD BE ECONOMICALLY MANUFACTURES IN BANGLADESH; (3)
ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL PRODUCTION PROGRAM;
(4) DETERMINATION OF MOST SUITABLE LOCATION FOR MANUFACTUR-
ING FACILITIES, OPTIMUM SCALE OF PRODUCTION AND MOST
APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY TO BE ADOPTED; AND (5) APPROPRIATE
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR BEEDS TO ENABLE IT TO
COPE WITH ITS ENVISAGED FUNCTION AS PRODUCER OF EDUCATIONAL
EQUIPMENT AND AS CENTRALIZED NATIONWIDE AGENCY FOR PROCURE-
MENT, STOCKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL
EQUIPMENT.

7. CONSULTANTS WILL PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT IN
ADEQUATE DETAIL TO EVALUATE TECHNICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL,
FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SOUNDNESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT.
THIS WILL INCLUDE PREPARATION OF DETAILED COST ESTIMATES
BROKEN DOWN INTO LOCAL AND FOREIGN CURRENCY COMPONENTS,
ESTIMATION OF OPERATING COSTS AND FUTURE CASH REQUIREMENTS
BY BEEDB, AS WELL AS DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTA-
TION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPOSED PROJECT
FACILITIES.

8. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CONSULTANT TEAM
FOR PROPOSED STUDY WOULD COMPRISE: (1) A TECHNICAL
EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL TRAINING EXPERTIAITH SPECIALIZED
EXPERIENCE IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL
EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND (2) AN
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER WITH SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE IN
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR PRODUCTION
OF EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT. TECHNICAL EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL
TRAINING EXPERT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR 4.5 MAN-MONTHS AND
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WILL ACT AS TEAM LEADER. INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER WILL BE
REQUIRED FOR 4 MAN-MONTHS. CONSULTANTS WILL BE ENGAGED
THROUGH CONSULTING FIRM, ACCORDING TO BANK'S GUIDELINES
ON USES OF CONSULTANTS.

9. EXECUTING AGENCY FOR TA WILL BE DIRECTORATE OF
TECHNICAL EDUCATION (DTE) OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. DTE
IS REQSPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND SUPERVISING ALL FORMAL
TECHNICAL AND VOACTIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN BANGLADESH.
BEEDB IS AT PRESENT ORGANIZED UNDER DTE. PENDING
REORGANIZATION OF BEEDB AS AUTONOMOUS UNIT WITHIN MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION, DTE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROPOSED EXPANSION PROGRAM OF BEEDB.

10. TOTAL COST OF TA IS ESTIMATED AT $90,000 OF WHICH

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$80,000 WOULD BE FOREX COSTS OF REMUNERATION ($51,000), PER DIEM ALLOWNACES ($11,500), INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES ($5,000), MISCELLANEOUS ($2,500), AND CONTINGENCIES ($10,000). GOB WILL CONTRIBUTE $10,000 EQUIVALENT TO COVER LOCAL COSTS FOR COUNTERPART STAFF, SECRETARIAL SERVICES, OFFICE FACILITIES AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS.

11. TA IS SECHEDULEDTO BEGIN IN DECEMBER 1977 AND BE COMPLETED BY APRIL 1978. OF TOTAL 8-1/2 MAN-MONTHS REQUIRED, 6 WILL BE SPENT IN FIELD AND REMAINDER IN BANK'S HEADQUARTERS FOR PREPARATION OF CONSULTANT'S FINAL REPORT.

12. ADB DOC. R105-76 ON ABOVE SUBJECT POUCHED 18 OCTOBER. UNDER PARA 17 OF DOC. R51-77 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS) TA PROJECTS IN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $100,000 MAY BE APPROVED BY PRESIDENT AND DO NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WESTCOTT

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